

Update for the Week of 1/27/2014

Please join us on Friday (1/31) at 12:12 p.m. as we raise the 12th Man Flag at City Hall and cheer on the Seahawks! Long-time Shoreline residents, active community members, and huge Seahawks fans, Gloria and Herb Bryce will have the honor of raising the flag.

Council Meetings

- *February 3*
 - *Regular Meeting*
 - Discussion of City's draft scoping comments for Snohomish County's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed development at Point Wells.
 - Discussion of Human Resource Position Salary Range

Point Wells Update

Transportation Corridor Study: On February 12, the City will host the first of the six TCS workshops. Check the [Point Wells project page](#) for more information and for the dates of the other workshops.

Legislative Update

- On Wednesday and Thursday this week, AWC will hold its Legislative Action Conference in Olympia. Mayor Winstead, Deputy Mayor Eggen, and Councilmember Roberts are attending this year. We will meet separately with our 32nd District delegation on Thursday afternoon to discuss bills that reflect our priorities, and to discuss their individual priority bills.
- The City continues to monitor bills that will impact the City, either negatively or positively.
 - Senate bill (SB 6008) could make assumption of special purpose districts by cities more difficult and costly to taxpayers. The companion House bill (HB 2413) has not been scheduled for a hearing yet.
 - We continue to monitor House Bill 1854 (Annexation Bill) to ensure it's not amended to a position that is detrimental to our ability to annex Point Wells in the future.
 - Marijuana bills - the marijuana bills are up for a hearing next Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m., and include both revenue bills and preemption bills. There are a number of different versions of these bills floating around, and it's going to take awhile to sort out which one is gaining traction and moving. The revenue bills, on the plus side, include money for local government enforcement. One of the knotty issues is how to distribute potential funds given that some jurisdictions are planning or have already banned marijuana stores, etc.

Light Rail Update

Sound Transit is starting field work for the Lynnwood Link Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), including noise monitoring, vibration testing and monitoring, civil and wetlands survey work, and geotechnical drilling. Some of the work will be performed in WSDOT or City right-of-way and some of the work will need to be performed on private property. We

should expect to see orange vests along the project corridor. See [Sound Transit's fact sheet](#) that outlines the nature of the work.

Sound Transit is contacting private property owners to request rights of entry to perform some of this work. There is likely to be some confusion among property owners about what the rights of entry mean and how it relates to property acquisition and project status. The area for testing is different than the area where property acquisition is anticipated. As a result, some property owners that have already received notification about potential acquisition will receive requests for right of entry and others from whom property will not need to be acquired will also receive these requests for right of entry. Sound Transit staff have already begun receiving calls requesting clarification.

If property owners have questions, they should contact Roger Iwata at Sound Transit at (206) 689-4904 or roger.iwata@soundtransit.org (also included on the fact sheet).

Financial Update

See the [monthly summary of sales tax, real estate excise tax, and development revenue](#).

- Total sales tax receipts for the month of October 2013 are higher than the revised projection by \$25,214, or 4.4% and lower than receipts for October 2012 by \$7,776, or 1.3%. Receipts for the year, which reflect activity from December 2012 through October 2013, are above the revised projection by \$311,744, or 4.8%, and above the year-ago level by \$416,628, or 6.6%.
- Total Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) collections through December 2013 total \$1,627,161 and are running ahead of the original projection of \$1,161,082 by \$466,079, or 40.1%; ahead of the revised projection of \$1,381,530 by \$245,631, or 17.8%; and, ahead of 2012 collections by \$303,949, or 23.0%.
- Permit revenue in 2013 totaled \$1,185,963 a 35.6% increase above the projection of \$874,055. There was a total of \$66.8 million valuation received for building construction: 38.9% residential, 31.5% multi-family, and 29.4% commercial. Large projects included a remodel at King County Metro Transit (\$3.9 million valuation); along with new construction issued for: Shoreline Star Apartments (\$18 million valuation), International Community Health Services (\$5.7 million valuation), US Biotek (\$2.8 million valuation), and Chuck Olson KIA (\$2 million valuation).

Police Update

This week the Snohomish County Drug Task Force conducted raids that involved the arrest of a Shoreline resident. Chief Ledford is trying to get additional information about this from Snohomish County as our police department was not involved. Here is a link to the news story in Seattle Times: [Raids in Shoreline, Lynnwood yield heroin, cash, 8 arrests](#).

This & That

- The City's ban on single use shopping plastic bags goes into effect this Saturday, February 1. Here is a link to the frequently asked questions about the plastic bag ban

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=15332>. Please remember to use reusable bags when grocery shopping!

- This year, the police have started locking park restrooms and gates at closing times. The City has already found the partnership to have positive effects in discouraging criminal activity in our parks. We have confirmed that police are not closing parks ahead of any of the posted closing times.
- We are participating in an AWC scholarship program for Shoreline students who will graduate from high school or receive their GED in the spring/summer 2014. Each city can nominate one student. There will be a total of four scholarships (\$1,250 each) awarded throughout the state. Information is on the City's website. Staff will review the applications and make a recommendation to the City Council during the last week of February. Council will have an opportunity to make an announcement of the finalist on March 3.

<http://shorelinewa.gov/community/news/-item-1609>